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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SEISHI KATO, ET AL.) : Examiner: Jegatheesan Seharaseyon
Application No.: 09/554,933) : Group Art Unit: 1647
Filed: August 21, 2000) : Confirmation No. 6767
For: HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING)
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Sir:

The undersigned received an official communication dated November 18, 2003 in the above-identified application informing applicants that, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution was suspended.

Six months having passed, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested promptly to indicate to the undersigned when prosecution will resume.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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